GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:5
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001
DELHI HOME GUARDS
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have raised the Delhi Home guards on the lines of Bombay Home Guard Acts of 1956 and 1959 and deployed them for maintaining law and order in the city;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the pay and other facilities available to Delhi Home Guards at present;

(d) whether the Union Government have received any Memorandum from the All India Home Guards Welfare Association in this regard recently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, the action taken in the matter and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.5 DUE FOR ANS ON 20.02.2001.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Home Guards Organisation in Delhi was established under the Bombay Home Guards Act, 1947 as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi as a voluntary body for performance of such functions and duties connected with protection of persons, the security of property and the public safety as may be assigned to them in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned Act and the Rules framed thereunder.

(c): The Home Guards in Delhi are paid Duty Allowance @ Rs.90/- per duty of 8 hours; Conveyance Allowance @ Rs.10/- per day and Washing Allowance @ Rs.3/- for seven duties. In addition, the following facilities have been extended to them:

(i) Uniform free of cost;

(ii) Financial assistance from Delhi Home Guards Welfare & Benevolent Fund;

(iii) Insurance cover of Rs.1.00 lakh under Group Personal Accident Policy; and

(iv) Ex-gratia payment incase of death/injury while on active duty.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The issues raised in the Memorandum mainly relate to regularisation of the services of the Home Guards and payment of salary & pension to them; extension of medical facilities; amendment of Bombay Home Guards Act; grant of leave to the Home Guards, etc.The said Memorandum has been forwarded by the Director General of Civil Defence to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for their views.